

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 21, 22, 25 and 26 were amended, and claims 5-20, 23 and 24 were canceled. No new matter has been added by these amendments. As a result, allowable claims 1-4, 21, 22, 25 and 26 are pending in the case.

In the Office Action dated August 2, 2006, the Examiner indicated that Claims 21, 22, 25, and 26 were allowable. By this Amendment, Applicants have rewritten these four claims in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

In view of the above, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance; an action to this end is earnestly requested. If it would expedite the progress of this Application through the examination process, the Examiner is authorized to call the undersigned attorney.

A check in the amount of \$500 is enclosed for the filing fee for additional claims. The Examiner and Commissioner are hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this Response or refund any overpayments associated with this Response to our deposit account, Deposit Account No. 23-0280.

Respectfully submitted,

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